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January 13, 2005

Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC
Attention: Kristy Godsey
1600 Division Street
Suite 700
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

RE: Big River Telephone Company, LLC
Docket No. 04-00447

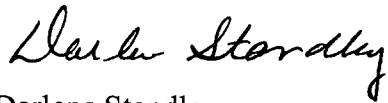
Dear Ms. Godsey:

CLEC applicants are required, by statute, to demonstrate their managerial, financial and technical abilities to provide the services for which they seek authority. To assist the Authority in its review of Big River Telephone Company, LLC's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide competing facilities based and resold local service in Tennessee, you are requested to provide the following information:

1. Please return the original surety bond with the acknowledgement of principal signed and notarized.
2. In its application, Big River Telephone Company states that it plans to "offer services in communities served by West Tennessee Telephone Company", which has fewer than 100,000 access lines. The application goes on to state, however, that Big River requests a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate as a competitive telecommunications service provider throughout the State of Tennessee "in the service areas of BellSouth, Century Telephone and Sprint and any other ILEC that does not enjoy a rural exemption under Section 251(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996." Does Big River Telephone intend to offer service in communities served by West Tennessee Telephone Company?
3. Please provide the most recent interim financial statements for 2004 including balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flow.

Please provide this information by January 27, 2005. In accordance with TRA rules, please submit either (1) thirteen written copies of your response or (2) four written copies and an electronic version. If you have questions concerning this request or need additional information, please contact Lisa Foust at 615-741-2904 extension 220.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Standley".

Darlene Standley
Utilities Division Chief

cc: Docket File
John Jennings, Big River Telephone Company